## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 17-cv-512-wmc

SUGAR MOUNTAIN FARM, LLC, JOSHUA J. STAUM, and DEBORAH J. ECKLUND,

Defendants.

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The above-captioned matter having come before the Court to be heard,
Honorable William M. Conley, United States District Judge for the Western District of
Wisconsin, presiding without a jury, on December 20, 2017, the Plaintiff, United States
of America ("Plaintiff"), having appeared by its attorney, the Office of the United States
Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, and no appearance having been made
on behalf of the Defendants herein except as may be noted on the record; and it
appearing by the Declaration of Barbara L. Oswald, Assistant United States Attorney,
Office of the United States Attorney, on file herein, that Defendants are in default; and it
further appearing that due notice of the Application for Judgment by Default has been
made to the Defendants, and that a Certificate of Service was filed with the Clerk of the
United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin; and the Court having

heard arguments from Plaintiff's counsel, therefore makes and files the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constituting its decision in this action.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The allegations set forth in Plaintiff's complaint are proven true.
- 2. There is now due and unpaid on all Notes and Mortgages as of December 20, 2017, the following sums: See Attachment A.
- 3. No proceedings have been had at law or otherwise for the recovery of the sum secured by said Notes and Mortgages.
  - 4. The mortgaged premises are described as follows:
    - All that part of the East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Town of Webster, Vernon County, Wisconsin, lying South of highway.
- 5. The real estate is so situated that it cannot be sold in parcels without injury to the interest of the parties, and a sale of the whole will be more beneficial to the parties hereto.
- 6. Notice of the pendency of this action was duly given on July 13, 2017, after the filing of the Complaint herein, by filing a Notice of Lis Pendens in the office of the Register of Deeds for Vernon County, Wisconsin. This was done in the manner and form required by law, after the filing of the complaint herein, and more than twenty (20) days prior to the trial or other resolution of this action.
- 7. The Defendants have not served an Answer or other response and the Clerk of Court has duly entered the default of said Defendants.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Plaintiff is entitled to judgment of foreclosure and sale of the mortgaged premises in the usual form, as requested in Plaintiff's Complaint, and in accordance with the above Findings of Fact.
- 2. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from the Defendants the following sum: See Attachment A.
- 3. The Defendants subsequent to the filing of the notice of the pendency of this action be and hereby are forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, interest, claim and equity of redemption in the mortgaged premises.
  - 4. The mortgaged premises shall be sold as a whole.
- 5. That if necessary to secure possession of the premises, the Clerk of Court, upon application by Plaintiff, shall issue a Writ of Assistance.
  - 6. The Defendants shall not be granted a right of redemption.
- 7. Sale of the premises shall be conducted by or under the direction of the United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin. Notice of the sale shall be made by publication in the <u>Vernon County Broadcaster</u>, the newspaper published in the City of Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin.
- 8. Proceeds from the sale of the subject premises shall be paid first to satisfy Defendant's debt to the United States as set forth in Attachment A, plus necessary costs and disbursements.
- 9. Any remaining proceeds from the sale of the subject premises shall be subject to further order of the Court.

10. Deficiency judgment is not being sought in this action.

Now, on application of Plaintiff United States of America,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that foreclosure of said mortgage in the usual form as provided by and in accordance with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law be entered in this action.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

WILLAM M. CONLEY

United States District Judge